



## Public Hearings State of Rhode Island



### To identify the concerns of people with disabilities and their families

**Monday 7/21/03 6 - 8 PM**

Cumberland Library, 4097 Diamond Hill Road

**Tuesday 7/22/03 6 - 8 PM**

Independence Square, Independence Square II Independence Way,  
Kingston (on Route 138, just west of the URI Campus)

**Wednesday 7/23/03 5:30 - 7:30 PM**

Newport Public Library, Lower Level Program Room, 300 Spring Str.

**Thursday July 24, 2003 3:00 – 5:00**

Warwick Public Library, 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick

**Friday 7/25/03 5 - 7 PM**

Department of Administration, Conference Room B (2nd Floor)  
One Capitol Hill, Providence

Comments may be made in person during the hearing, or you can mail, fax or e-mail them by July 30<sup>th</sup> to: **Governor's Commission on Disabilities**

John O. Pastore Center – 41 Cherry Dale Court, Cranston, RI 02920-3049

462-0106 (fax) or [disabilities@gcd.state.ri.us](mailto:disabilities@gcd.state.ri.us) (e-mail).

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CART Recorders (real-time captioning) and assistive listening devices will be at all sites, courtesy of the Assistive Technology Access Partnership.

The RI Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will provide sign language interpreters. Sign language interpreters have not been confirmed at Newport; call tty 222-1204 to confirm interpreter.

When making the ADA reservation with RIde to get to and from the public hearing, tell the RIde reservationist that this trip is for the Governor's Commission's Public Forums in order to guarantee your return trip. The ADA fare is still applicable.

For more information or to request accommodation needed, please call: 462-0100 or 462-0101(tty) at least 3 business days in advance; arrangements will be provided at no cost.

Spanish language interpreter will be at the Warwick Forum. Other requests for language interpreting should be made to 462-2130 at least 3 business days in advance.

#### **Donald L. Carcieri, Governor**

These hearings are co-sponsored by the commissions, departments, and organizations listed below that provide services and/or advocate on behalf of people with disabilities:

**Alliance for Better Long Term Care**, Roberta Hawkins, Executive Director; **Brain Injury Association of RI, Inc. & Brain Injury Resource Center**, Sharon Brinkworth, Executive Director; **CranstonArc**, Thomas Kane, Executive Director; **Council on Assistive Technology**, Marie Younkin-Waldman, Chairperson; **Assistive Technology Access Partnership (ATAP)**, Regina Connor, Project Director; **Department of Health**, Dr. Patricia Nolan, Director; **Department of Human Services**, Jane A. Hayward, Director; **Department of Transportation**, James R. Capaldi, P.E., Director; **Governor's Commission on Disabilities**, Doreen McConaghy, Chairperson; **J. Arthur Trudeau Center**, Mary Madden, President/CEO; **Long Term Care Coordinating Council**, Lt. Governor Charles J. Fogarty, Chairperson; **Mental Health Consumer Advocates of RI**, Neil Sharpe, Executive Director; **Newport County Community Mental Health Center**, J. Clement Cicilline, MS, President/CEO; **Ocean State Association of Residential Resources**, Donna Martin, Associate Director; **Ocean State Center for Independent Living**, Lorna Ricci, Executive Director; **PAL**, Doreen McConaghy, Executive Director; **PARI Independent Living Center**, Leo Canuel, Executive Director **RI Breast Cancer Coalition**, Marlene C. McCarthy, H.L.D., Chair; **RI Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**, Steven A. Florio, Executive Director; **RI Disability Law Center**, Raymond Bandusky, Executive Director; **RI Office of the Child Advocate**, Lauren D'Ambra, Child Advocate; **RI Public Transit Authority**, Alfred J. Moscola, General Manager; **State Rehabilitation Council**, Annette Bourbonniere, Chairperson **Statewide Independent Living Council**, Steven J. Carr, Chairperson